

## Meade County News.

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### KANSAS COMMENT.

A GOOD RECORD.—Allen county during 1902 recorded 45 divorces and 260 marriages.

FELL DOWN A SHAFT.—Frank Baker, a farmer living near Independence fell down an elevator shaft in an implement store and died from his injuries.

LIBRARY RECEPTION.—At a formal New Year's reception the new public library rooms were first thrown open to the people of the city of Abilene. Miss Lida Romig, a K. S. U. graduate, is the librarian.

KANSAS APPOINTMENTS.—The president has appointed the following postmasters in Kansas: William C. Palmer, Jewell; Caddie Smith, Lebanon; Joseph H. Woolen, Manhattan; Sydney W. Gould, Weir.

DOCTORS MEET.—Physicians from ten counties in that part of Kansas met in Concordia and organized the Third district auxiliary of the Kansas State Medical Society, with Dr. Sawhill, of Concordia, president.

ON CENTRAL BRANCH.—The heavy business being done along the Central Branch road has compelled the Western Union to string an extra wire as far west as Concordia, making four wires between Blue Rapids and Atchison.

MORE MODERN COAL CHUTES.—W. C. Stiff's force of carpenters having finished the coal chute at Syracuse, has gone to Lamar to build one. From Lamar he goes to Garden City to put in a modern chute. The Lakin chute will then be torn out.

DEATH OF MRS. DR. HEWITT.—Mrs. Lulu S. Hewitt died at Topeka on January 7. She was a daughter of the Rev. Dr. McCabe, so long a Topeka pastor, and her husband was president of the Presbyterian college of Emporia, of which Mrs. Hewitt was a member of the faculty. Her sister Martha is now a member of the faculty.

NEW ROCK ISLAND DEPOT.—The ground has been surveyed at Salina for a new Rock Island depot to be erected soon. The building will be on the site of the present station. The present depot will be moved and used as a freight house. This improvement by the Rock Island is the first of many railroad improvements to be made in Salina this year.

AN ANCIENT GUN.—It is claimed that the gun which discharged the first shot at the battle of Bunker Hill is the property of Samuel N. Simpson, of Kansas City, Kas. He is a grandson of the Revolutionary soldier, John Simpson, of Deerfield, N. H., who fired the shot in violation of the order, "Don't shoot until you see until you can see the whites of their eyes."

DOUBLED THEIR RECEIPTS.—The Kansas City Journal says that north-eastern Kansas horticulturists who sent their pear crop into cold storage last fall are now in clover. The crop was picked pears were worth \$4.50 a barrel. Now they are worth \$9 and the price is still advancing. Several farmers have made from \$3,000 to \$5,000 each by holding their pears.

ABOUT 250 MEN.—The Missouri and Kansas Telephone company is stringing six wires from Wichita to Fort Scott via El Dorado. Another extension under way is a direct line to Woodward, Okla., through Alva and many other towns. Another is a line from El Dorado to Iola, and one from South Haven to Genda Springs. In this work there are employed 22 gangs with an average of 14 men.

COAL FROM THE PENITENTIARY.—It takes close to 5,000 tons of coal each month to supply the various state institutions. Warden E. B. Jewett of the state penitentiary reports that during the month of December he had shipped the state institutions with 116,868 bushels of coal valued at about \$15,000.

MORE PROMPT TAX PAYING.—County Treasurer Phillips, of Shawnee county, finds that there was \$59,000 more paid in taxes before the end of the year than in 1901.

INDIAN GIRLS VICTORIOUS.—The Haskell Indian girl basketball team won from the Haskell high school team on the Haskell court by a score of 25 to 5. It was a fast and hard game from the start, but the locals had all the best of it. They were faster than their opponents and had a faculty of always getting hold of the ball.

RAINFALL INCREASE.—The annual report of Dr. Frank Snow on Kansas weather conditions notes that 1902 was exceeded in rainfall only by the years 1876 and 1887.

WAR ON SLOT MACHINES.—The Abilene city council has begun the new year by beginning war on slot machines, many of which are in operation. The marshal has been ordered to close all such machines and to arrest parties who continue to run them.

SUE USED FLOUR.—A gasoline stove exploded in a Wichita restaurant, and the room was filled with the blaze. Mrs. Latham, the proprietor's wife, with the assistance of the clerk, put out the fire by scattering a quarter sack of flour on it.

KANSAS EXPORTS INCREASE.—Flouring mills of Junction City have completed an order for 5,000 140-pound bags of flour that was exported direct from Junction City to Belfast, Ireland, and another of 2,000 280-pound sacks of flour which was sent to Glasgow, Scotland. At present they are working on a shipment of five carloads of flour that is to go to Mexico.

SEVEN INCH ICE.—Clay Center ice men opened the new year by cutting seven inch ice in the Lawrence river. The ice is clear and hard.

PROBABLY SUICIDE.—James Nelson, aged 35, a farmer near Salina, was found dead at his home. His family was away on a visit and he had apparently been dead several days. A letter found dated ten days before he was found indicated that he contemplated suicide when the note was written.

ENTOMOLOGIST CHANGED.—Professor E. O. Popenoe, of K. A. C., is, as announced by Prof. N. J. Hunter, of K. U., an entomologist of the State Horticultural society.

CHRISTMAS WEATHER.—E. P. Harris says that on Christmas of 1856 as a printer in Lawrence he set type without a fire in the office, and that the windows were open in the middle of the day. He says that a company of the free state militia were out on the prairie drilling in their shirt sleeves. G. D. Baker, of Wichita, remembers that on his presumption began in Nemaha county there were volunteer peas in bloom on Christmas day, 1860.

A LAW ABIDING TOWN.—The Newton Kansas says that the county jail in Newton was without prisoners on January 5 for the first time in many years. The Kansas adds: "Newton is indeed a quiet and law abiding town and is located in a peaceful county. The police court of our city is seldom disturbed by business and our district court has for its consideration hardly a sufficient number of criminal cases to hold a jury for one day."

SANTA FE OFFICE BUILDING.—A \$5,000 office building is to be erected at Arkansas City near the passenger depot for the use of the division superintendent, trainmaster and dispatchers of the division. The superintendent's office are now located in leased buildings uptown, while the rest of the offices are at the South yards, one mile below town. This is made necessary by the building of the line south-east from there.

CONSIDERING COAL FAMINE.—Members of the legislature are considering the coal famine in western and central Kansas counties and will try to correct the situation at the session of the legislature which begins January 13. The charge is made that the railroads freely confiscate much of the coal that is shipped to the counties in question. Considerable suffering has resulted.

WRECK AT COATS.—The Englewood passenger train went in the ditch two miles west of Coats. A baggage, mail and express and the smoking cars turned completely over and the track was torn up for 100 yards. Postal Clerk Denholmen and John Gant, a passenger, of Belvidere, were slightly hurt. The passengers were brought to Coats in carriages, and the wrecking crew came from Wellington.

STOCKMEN AND FEEDERS.—An association of these two important factors of Kansas' business interests has been organized at Junction City. John Cameron is elected president and Robert M. Hay secretary. During the month of January the association is formed to further the interests of Central Kansas stock raisers and feeders.

KANSAS BANKS THRIFTY.—E. E. Ames, national bank examiner, said at Abilene: "The banks of Kansas have closed the most prosperous year in their history. The demand for money was strong, rates high and security good. The indications are for a more prosperous year to come, as the business of this state is in excellent condition."

STATE EMPLOYMENT AGENCY.—T. B. Gerow's report says: "This bureau has been in operation for nineteen months, during which time 4,785 applications for work have been received, of which 4,029 were supplied. During the same time there were 2,063 applications for help, of which 1,024 were furnished."

SIXTY MILES AN HOUR.—The record kept by Dr. Snow at K. U. shows that the wind during the night of Jan. 6-7, had a velocity of 50 to 60 miles an hour.

TAX ON TRANSIENTS.—The city council of Concordia adopted a license tax on transient merchants and street salesmen of \$300 a year.

FIRE AT GOODLAND.—One business block is destroyed. The loss of \$35,000 was only partially insured.

AFRAID OF HIS WIFE.—John V. Brown, of Hutchinson, 23 years old, committed suicide by taking chloroform. He had been in ill health for several months. He told friends a few days ago that he had been secretly married and that his wife would be here in a few days and he did not wish her to meet his mother.

THE GAS FEVER.—It has attacked Arkansas City. The council has refused to give franchises to private corporations but will buy the best well found in 1901.

BUTTER PAYS MORE THAN CHEESE.—The cheese factories in some sections of Central Kansas are being changed to skimming stations for creameries, it being more profitable to make butter than cheese at the present prices and farmers securing better prices for milk in that form.

STATE POULTRY SHOW.—Chickens fanned commenced coming to Topeka days before the opening of the state poultry show. The show is being held in the auditorium and the exhibits are larger than last year.

GUILTY OF MURDER.—J. C. Love, a teacher in the Kansas Industrial School for boys, was found guilty of killing his wife. Murder in the second degree was the verdict returned by the jury. Mrs. Love was matron of the Industrial school when she was killed by her husband six months ago as a result of jealousy.

PIONEER SALINE COUNTY WOMAN.—Mrs. R. H. Dible, aged 60 years, wife of one of the early settlers of Saline county, is dead. Mrs. Dible came to that county in 1864.

DUPLICATE NAMES.—There will be in the legislature two Adams, two Perkins, two Campbells, two Williams, two Martins, two Kings, two Johnsons, two Browns, two McKees and three Jones.

BUSINESS MEN MEET.—An enthusiastic meeting of Emporia business men was held to get things started to bore for gas and oil. All lines of business were represented and there was much interest shown. Nearly \$150 was raised in a few minutes to be used in an effort to hold a bond issue.

TO EXPOSE JEWELL MINES.—Judge J. C. Postlewaite, of Jewell City, has leased the Wagona coal mine in Jewell county for a year with a privilege of leasing for a period of five years. He has employed some miners from the Osage district and will put the mine in operation immediately.

TAXES PAID IN A DAY.—On the last day of 1902 the sum of \$36,186.96 was paid in for taxes in the office of the treasurer of Douglas county; the high water mark since the rolls of 1902 were opened.

PROSPEROUS YEAR FOR STOCKMEN.—The year 1902 was an exceedingly prosperous year for the stockmen, and the thirteenth annual meeting of the Kansas Improved Stock Breeders' association, to be held at Topeka on January 12, 13 and 14, has every promise of being a record breaker in attendance. Secretary H. A. Heath, of Topeka, is the busiest man at the state capital.

OLD PEOPLE PROVIDED FOR.—Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Rinker, two old people of Arkansas City, have fallen heir to an estate in Illinois and their share of the property will be over \$5,000. They are very poor and live in a shanty in a poor part of the city. Both are very feeble and this will be enough to keep them comfortable for the balance of their days.

CANNOT DEFEND ON WINDS.—The Union Pacific is preparing to install a gasoline engine at every tank station in the state where the water is pumped by windmills, in order to be certain of a water supply when the wind power fails. The company has found that it cannot afford to risk placing its dependence on the winds.

PIPING GAS TO CITY.—This work is progressing at Pleasanton. There are too good wells which have about 15 pounds pressure. The buildings are being plumbed and within a few weeks the stores and many residences will be lighted with natural gas.

LEASES ON 10,000 ACRES.—Senator W. S. Fitzpatrick, of Chautauque, is at the head of a syndicate of Sedan men which has acquired oil and gas leases on about 10,000 acres of land in that section of the country.

CLAY BALLAST CONTRACTED.—The Rock Island has let a contract for 600,000 yards of clay to be used on the tracks northwest of Herington. The contracting company will turn 30,000 cubic yards per month.

HAS THREE HOSPITALS.—This may be said of Winfield. Dr. Holcomb and Boyle and Miss L. A. Wells have bought the Jiggins home on College Hill and will convert it into a hospital and Sanitarium at once.

BIG FARMER BOYS.—Two of them made trouble in a Nemaha county school. The teacher had them arrested and they were sentenced to 60 days in jail. An appeal was taken to the supreme court.

PART CENTURY MARK.—Dr. John P. Wood, of Coffeyville, celebrated his 101st birthday on January 4. He has practiced his profession until a few years ago; never used glasses and reads the papers.

NEW COURT HOUSE.—The commissioners of Douglas county have approved architect's plans for the \$90,000 court house to be built in Lawrence. Bids will be opened February 10.

ANOTHER STATE BOARD.—The business of Kansas met at Topeka and asked the legislature to create a state board for examination and registration and to give certificates.

FLOUR MILLS OUT OF COAL.—At Atchison it has become impossible to secure coal to supply local needs. A flouring mill has been shut down and the others will have to.

OCCUPATION TAX.—Winfield has an occupation tax which produces revenue to the amount of \$1,500 annually. Each railroad entering the city puts up \$300 a year.

FREIGHT TIED UP.—The Santa Fe is said to have 5,000 cars of freight on the sidings between Hutchinson and Raton which is tied up on account of the rush.

OTTAWA TO PAY.—The city council of Ottawa voted to pave eight and one half of the principal blocks in the main part of the town.

CITIES OF SECOND CLASS.—A call has been issued for a meeting at Topeka on January 15 of the mayors and city attorneys of cities of the second class to discuss and agree upon changes to be made in laws relating to their cities which will be presented to the legislature.

A SHUCKER'S FEAT.—Lewis Rasmussen, of Lindsay, shucked 4,500 bushels of corn, making an average of 115 bushels a day. He took care of his team did all the hauling and shoveled it all into the crib.

ARTISAN WELLS.—Mr. Sunday has completed a well at Goodridge 112 feet deep which has an abundant supply of good engine water. The well has an artesian flow. The Santa Fe has ordered one dug under the supervision of Mr. Sunday at Syracuse.

OUT OF COAL.—Aside from what is stored in private bins there was not a ton of coal in Ottawa on January 7; the condition having existed several days. Cobs and pine boxes furnish many homes with all the fuel they have.

BARN AND HORSES BURNED.—Joseph Anderson's transfer barn at Atchison burned, together with six horses. The loss is \$10,000. Mr. Anderson was burned severely in trying to get out his horses.

PROBATE JUDGES MEET.—They held their annual meeting at Topeka. They discussed legislation needed in their line and elected these officers for the coming year: President, H. D. Feder, Barton; vice president, W. F. Musser, Salina; secretary and treasurer, W. E. Fagan, Shawnee.

BURNED IN HER HOME.—Mrs. T. E. Guest, of Alma, was burned to death in her home and the house with most of its contents burned. Mrs. Guest was alone at the time, her husband having gone to Texas only a few days ago and all of the children were away from home. The fire started in the kitchen.

GOVERNOR LOSES MONEY.—Governor Stanley says in an interview that he spent \$1,000 a year more than his salary for each of the four years during which he held the office of governor.

BOUGHT FROM SOLDIERS.—It is a criminal offense to purchase any article of clothing or government property from a soldier and the military officers announce that they will prosecute four Leavenworth merchants under arrest in order to put a stop to the further loss of government property at this point. Deputy marshals found large quantities of fur caps, fine cavalry gloves, blankets and other government property at the premises of the men arrested which they had secured from soldiers.

## THE BALL AT BIG SPRINGS.

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The boys from the X Y ranch had been busy for the falls' "roundup" at Abilene for months. They were now about ready to depart for their winter home. The cattle had been about herded in one bunch and were prepared for the long drive southward, where the grass was green the year round, and the winds not too severe to bring them discomfort. The yearlings, heifers and steers were corralled two miles away from the little town. At night, unless a storm seemed imminent, half of the crew would go into the railroad station and disappear themselves by shooting out lights, riding horses into bar-rooms and the like. All of them ate at the Archer restaurant, not because the food was any better or cheaper than served by the Palace, but because Estelle McIntosh, a clear-eyed, straight-limbed girl of some twenty summers, sitting back and shot the beans at her sun-tanned customers.

She was of beautiful mold; her breast moved back and forth like the undulating waves of the sea; her arms were round at the shoulders and tapered down as gracefully as a sculptor's model. Her eyes were blue, she was wide-hipped, with a complexion like that of the underwood of a Georgia peach. She could play the guitar, do fancy work, and get along fairly well with the third reader. She could call cows and ride any broncho that ever pawed the earth.

All the boys were in love with her. If she had any preference that could be perceived, it was for Calico Jake, whose tall figure was known to nearly every head of cattle between the Colorado and the Rockies. He could chew tobacco like a Cuban negro, cut the pigeon-wing, ride anything from a horned toad to a giraffe, and he had no more compunction when it became necessary to kill a man than a mustang would have for kicking at the man who had hit him with a quirt. But Estelle, "Stell," as the boys called her, made no signs that she would be glad to jump over the broomstick with him.

Two weeks before the contemplated departure of the X Y outfit, nearly all the boys were in Archer's. "The Doc" was there also. He wore a staked and ridged shirt, tan shoes and a walking stick. He had but recently graduated from the medical school at El Paso, and setting at Abilene, where the men wore overalls and the women quite content with calicoes, he imagined himself about \$430 ahead of a National Bank. "Stell" had not liked him from the first, and she did not attempt to conceal her feelings. As the "Doc" started to go, he naively asked:

"If you are going to be the queen of the ball up to Big Springs, next week?"

"I don't know of that's any of your business," she replied, somewhat warmly. "Course you'll be there as king of the doodlebugs?" at which the cowboys ha, ha, haed until the "Doc" was out of hearing.

That night, while the stars looked down upon the boys who were now again in camp, Calico said to Buckeye: "Say, Buck, I'll be a long time afore we get to a ball where they'll have one of these here base villians or willows, or whatever you call 'em. I guess we run up to Big Springs and shake our feet when the shindig comes off."

Buckeye readily consented. Then the other boys were awakened and told of the scheme. Lots were to be drawn as to which of the X Y outfit of ranch that attended and after "Stell" had danced with each one for a set, she gave her time wholly to Calico. There were few fights, and the barrel of whiskey lasted until daybreak, at which time the Abilene contingent took the train home.

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### TAKE CARE OF YOUR DIAMONDS.

Some of the Finest Gems Are Liable to Explode.

It has long been known that diamonds, especially the class known as "rose diamonds," are likely to explode if subjected only to what would seem a very ordinary degree of heat. It is now believed that the explosions are the result of the absorption of certain volatile fluids inclosed in cavities near the center of these precious stones. A great many diamonds, even though cut, mounted and worn as gems of perfection, are still in an unfinished condition—that is, the liquid drop from which the stone is being formed has not as yet deposited all of its "pure crystals of carbon." These movable drops may occasionally be seen with the naked eye.

When this is the case a strong microscope will give the drop the appearance of a bubble in the fluid in a carpenter's level. It is also highly probable that besides the liquid mentioned these cavities may contain gases under great tension. This being the case, one may readily comprehend how a very small amount of heat would cause the liquid and gas to expand to such a degree that the diamond would give way with an explosion.

An Organization of the Maimed. New York has one distinct oddity in the form of a social organization. The Maimed Men's Club, each of whose eighteen members have lost, in one way or another, an arm or a leg. With the exception of two recently admitted members, both minus a hand left on Cuban battlefields, the members of this club lost their limbs in railroad accidents. One of the chief aims of the maimed men is to supply good legal talent to prosecute careless engineers and motorists in cases where some unfortunate railway victim, too poor to pay lawyers' fees, seeks a monetary solace for the loss of hand or foot.

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here of drag him over to Lick Skillet and let the dogs eat him up!"

The barkeeper hastily went to his drawer. "Really," said he, "you didn't."

"What's that! Didn't he? Well, we'll just show you a trick that you never heard of afore," and with that he proceeded to draw his gun.

In an instant the barkeeper's hands were above his head. He begged for grace. If he had made a mistake, he certainly would rectify it then and there.

"Well, shell her out; shell her out!" they all demanded at once. And \$49.40 were laid upon the wooden bar.

Then the boys went down the little street, relating their experience to all the other saloonkeepers, who agreed with them that the Chicago yankee was a crook. After having spent about the amount they handled her ponies and were soon in Abilene again. "Stell" set out pieces



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and coffee, and her patrons ate ravenously. When they had finished, Calico took the waitress to one side and handed her a roll of bills.

"Now then," said he, "we'll go to Big Springs or bust up the X Y outfit."

The evening of the ball rolled around. The train which left Abilene at 7 o'clock would put them there in ample time. At five Calico began dressing. His boots had been shined, his hair sprinkled copiously with Florida water, his mustache greased and his chin shaved. His hat was cocked to one side and a cigar tilted upwards when he called on "Stell." She surveyed him critically. "Pears to me," she said, "you'd look stylisher if you'd take that air red handkerchief from your neck," and off came the red bandana.

"Stell" was in a hurry. She had not begun to dress, and hence it was close to 6 o'clock. Once upstairs she began squeezing herself into a corset two sizes too small for her. But she got it fastened. She frizzed her hair, powdered her face, put on a velvet colored dress, tied a blue belt around her waist and then she was ready.

The ball was a great social success. To her surprise the first man to approach her when she arrived was the Doc. But she turned him away. There were six members of the X Y outfit of ranch that attended and after "Stell" had danced with each one for a set, she gave her time wholly to Calico. There were few fights, and the barrel of whiskey lasted until daybreak, at which time the Abilene contingent took the train home.

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### How a Woman Handles an "Ad."

A woman comes into a newspaper office, comments on the condition of the weather, removes her gloves, raises her veil, gets out her lace handkerchief, dips into her chatelaine bag and brings out a little scrap of paper, upon which is written a simple advertisement for a hired girl.

She then inquires the price, which is to run at the head of the want column 213 days in the year, asks for the best location possible, expresses a hope that she will get a good girl this time, puts her gloves back on, and, picking up her skirt, says: "Well, I guess that's all, and departs, leaving her handkerchief on the counter. When she trots her 10-year-old boy on the errand he dashes in, drops a quarter and a slip of paper on the counter, says, "Mom wants this in the paper," and is gone, after having slammed the door. But he has transacted the same business.—Atchison Globe.

### Excusable Profanity.

Rear Admiral Melville addressed the Engineering society of the Columbia university on Arctic experiences last week, and for nearly three hours kept his audience deeply interested, many of his hearers being women. In telling what happened at the wreck of the Janette he said that at one time he was afraid of being swamped and that made him swear. "So I turned," said he, "and yelled, G—d—n it, I must run for it or swamp." It made me swear, ladies and gentlemen. For a moment everybody was startled, but a round of applause soon followed, and an understanding that the sailor was merely realistic and not profane in the ordinary way.

### A Long Correspondence.

Mrs. J. J. Smith of Columbus, Ohio, and Mrs. Sarah E. Martin of Weno, Ill., have a record for continuous, uninterrupted correspondence that would be hard to equal. Both of these old ladies were born in Franklin county, Ohio, and were close friends from earliest childhood. Forty-seven years ago, however, the parents of Mrs. Martin removed to Illinois, and then began the correspondence that has never been allowed to flag. At least once every month they exchange letters, one writing on the first and the other on the fifteenth. The only times they have not written to each other has been visiting the other.

Siam's Crown Prince in Love. Now that Chovha Maha Vajiravudh, the sleek little crown prince of Siam, has left New York for home, they are telling stories about him down there, and it is said that though he glanced more than usually aslant at some of the well beauties he fell a victim to the charms of an actress who is about equally pretty and clever. He had met her in London two years before and his attention became quite pronounced. In addition to many presents he sent her reams of love letters, even dropping into poetry, some of it not half bad. The prince called her "Tcherny Okaya," which he explained is Russian for "sparkling eyes."

### Peculiar and Fatal Accident.

Mrs. Joseph Krutful of Altoona, Penn., was milking when the cow turned her head to brush off a fly and ran a horn into the woman's brain, through her eye, causing a fatal injury.

## TURKEY WITH THREE BIG LEGS.

Bought by Boarding House Keeper, It Proved a Disappointment.

In a coop of turkeys received by a commission man yesterday was one which had three legs. The whole number are visible between the slats of the coop, the extra one standing at a slight angle from the two others, but perfect in form down to the toe nails.

The keeper of a small boarding house expressed a desire to purchase the turkey on account of the extra leg, and said he would like to have a whole coop of them, and would like them to have four legs, if possible.

When asked why he desired so many legs on turkeys, he said he always liked the leg of a turkey, and he had three boarders, and when there was turkey for dinner he always asked them what part they preferred, and all three of them always wanted a drumstick.

Of course, only two of them could be suited, and he never got a drumstick. The last time all three of the boarders asked for a leg of one bird he lost his temper, and said he guessed they must think he was carving a carpenter.

After buying the three-legged turkey he found that the extra leg grew out of another one at the knee joint, and would be gone when the fowl was put on the table, and so after all the turkey had only two legs and a half.—Portland Oregonian.

### JUST A DELICATE HINT.

How Irishman Wittily Suggested Additional Refreshment.

An Irish jarvey was driving with an English visitor, who was on his way to spend Christmas with some relatives in Ireland, on a bitterly cold day in December through the wilds of Connemara. They became quite sociable on the way, and the native, in a burst of confidence, pointed out a she-bear where the "best potheen in Connemara" might be obtained. The Englishman, only too glad to get an opportunity of warming himself, offered refreshment, which offer was readily accepted.

"Is a very cold day in these parts, Pat?" observed the tourist.

"Tis, your honor," replied Pat. He raised his glass, and the contents speedily vanished. "And there's truth in the old saying," he suggestively added, smacking his lips; "one swallow never made a summer."—London Tit-Bits.

### Reaping Machines in Syria.

Reaping machines were employed this year for the first time by native farmers of Syria. These pioneers all came from Chicago. They were working during the late harvest in Coele-Syria and twenty-six in the plain of Esdras. Also, for the first time in the history of this country, the present year has witnessed the introduction and operation in Syria of a steam threshing outfit. It came from Richmond, Ind., and caused considerable stir in Coele-Syria, where it was installed. Its success was complete, even to the bruising of the straw—a most important item, since, in the absence of hay and with the sparing use of oats, barley and other crops, crushed straw, in other parts, constitutes the staple food for stock. Furthermore, for the first time in the annals of Syria, an oil-motor flour mill has been successfully started in this land; it came from Lebanon and is now grinding wheat in Lebanon.

### Consular report.

How a Woman Handles an "Ad."

A woman comes into a newspaper office, comments on the condition of the weather, removes her gloves, raises her veil, gets out her lace handkerchief, dips into her chatelaine bag and brings out a little scrap of paper, upon which is written a simple advertisement for a hired girl. She then inquires the price, which is to run at the head of the want column 213 days in the year, asks for the best location possible, expresses a hope that she will get a good girl this time, puts her gloves back on, and, picking up her skirt, says: "Well, I guess that's all, and departs, leaving her handkerchief on the counter. When she trots her 10-year-old boy on the errand he dashes in, drops a quarter and a slip of paper on the counter, says, "Mom wants this in the paper," and is gone, after having slammed the door. But he has transacted the same business.—Atchison Globe.

### Excusable Profanity.

Rear Admiral Melville addressed the Engineering society of the Columbia university on Arctic experiences last week, and for nearly three hours kept his audience deeply interested, many of his hearers being women. In telling what happened at the wreck of the Janette he said that at one time he was afraid of being swamped and that made him swear. "So I turned," said he, "and yelled, G—d—n it, I must run for it or swamp." It made me swear, ladies and gentlemen. For a moment everybody was startled, but a round of applause soon followed, and an understanding that the sailor was merely realistic and not profane in the ordinary way.